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# people

## DEMOGRAPHY

	2002	2006	2007
Estimated resident population(a)	'000	'000	'000

Queensland 3,714.8 4,090.9 4,181.4

(a) At 30 June.

Components of population change(a)	no.	no.	no.
Natural increase(b)	24,842	29,562	29,977
Net overseas migration	26,488	32,952	33,536
Net interstate migration	30,035	26,607	27,010

(a) Twelve months ended 30 June.

(b) Excess of births over deaths.

Vital statistics(a)	no.	no.	no.
Births	47,771	52,665	61,249
Deaths	23,968	24,473	25,801
Marriages	21,264	25,043	25,808
Divorces	10,920	12,175	11,058

(a) Twelve months ended 31 December. Vital events are published on a year of registration basis.

Age groups(a)	%	%	%
0-14 years	21	20	20
15-24 years	14	14	14
25-44 years	30	29	28
45-64 years	24	25	25
65 years & over	12	12	12

(a) As proportion of Queensland estimated resident population.

## LABOUR MARKET

	2002-03	2006-07	2007-08
Annual averages	'000	'000	'000
Labour force	1,922.2	2,186.6	2,241.0
Employed persons	1,784.6	2,099.3	2,158.5
Unemployed persons	137.6	87.3	82.5
	%	%	%
Unemployment rate	7.2	4.0	3.7
Participation rate	65.0	67.1	67.1
	2003	2007	2008
	'000	'000	'000
Job vacancies, May	19.3	35.6	41.6
	\$	\$	\$
Average weekly earnings, Aug.	657.20	808.50	871.50

## REGIONAL POPULATION

	2002 '000	2006 '000	2007 '000
Selected Local Government Areas(a)			
Brisbane (City)	917.6	991.3	1,007.9
Bundaberg (City)	45.3	48.6	49.3
Cairns (City)	119.9	136.6	140.9
Caloundra (City)	79.0	93.2	96.1
Charters Towers (City)	8.7	8.5	8.5
Gladstone (City)	27.6	30.9	31.9
Gold Coast (City)	440.9	507.5	524.7
Hervey Bay (City)	44.5	55.2	57.9
Ipswich (City)	128.7	143.7	148.7
Mackay (City)	78.2	90.2	92.2
Maryborough (City)	25.5	27.2	27.3
Mount Isa (City)	20.7	21.1	21.2
Redcliffe (City)	50.5	52.5	53.6
Rockhampton (City)	59.3	62.6	63.2
Roma (Town)	6.7	7.0	7.0
Thuringowa (City)	54.7	63.0	65.8
Toowoomba (City)	91.0	96.2	96.3
Townsville (City)	93.7	102.3	103.7

(a) Estimated resident population at 30 June.

## EDUCATION

	2002 no.	2006 no.	2007 no.
<b>Schools, August</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>1,715</b>
Government	1,291	1,278	1,250
Non-government	435	461	465
<b>Students, August(a)</b>	<b>624,538</b>	<b>662,607</b>	<b>703,937(b)</b>
Government	440,064	455,075	478,883
Non-government	179,523	202,722	219,020

(a) Including full-time and part-time primary and secondary students. The breakdown into government and non-government is available only for full-time students.

(b) Queensland has introduced a Pre-year 1 grade in 2007 following a successful trial from 2003–06. Initially, in 2007, only a half cohort has been enrolled with expectations of full coverage from 2008 onwards.

## CRIME AND JUSTICE

	2001–02 no.	2005–06 no.	2006–07 no.
Total police strength at 30 June(a)	8,053	9,631	9,902
Sentence outcomes in Magistrates Courts	112,922	128,299	128,195
Sentence outcomes in higher courts	5,787	4,778	4,609

(a) Including recruits in training.

Source: Queensland Police Service.

# industry

## AGRICULTURE(a)

		2005-06	2006-07
Agricultural establishments(b)	no.	28,905	27,656
Area of farms	'000 ha	145,519	143,871
Total area of crops(c)	'000 ha	2,503	2,215
Agricultural Production		'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
Sugar cane cut for crushing		34,385	33,058
Wheat		1,218	^777
Barley		166	^79
Grain sorghum		1,038	896
Cotton lint		214	69
Peanuts (in shell)		24	^17
Pineapples		153	^165
Bananas		165	189
Citrus fruit		86	^101
Avocados		22	^34
Mangoes		25	^41
Lettuce		53	^85
Potatoes		94	88
Tomatoes		109	121
Livestock(b)		'000	'000
Meat cattle		11,354	11,495
Milk cattle		194	189
Sheep and lambs		4,466	4,378
Pigs		691	695
Chickens for meat production		9,982	11,018
Chickens for egg production		3,464	4,200
Brokers and dealers receivals of taxable wool	tonnes	18,558	15,928
Value of agricultural production		\$m	\$m
Crops(d)		4,167.9	4,751.8
Livestock disposals		4,125.2	4,359.5
Livestock products		415.8	420.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,708.9</b>	<b>9,531.5</b>

<sup>^</sup> estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to 25% and should be used with caution.

(a) Establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations of \$5,000 or more.

(b) At 30 June.

(c) Excluding crops harvested for hay and seed, and pasture and grasses.

(d) Including pastures and grasses, vegetables, fruit and nuts.

## MINING

Mineral commodities produced	2005–06 '000 tonnes	2006–07 '000 tonnes
Black coal (saleable)	175,774	184,082
Bauxite	16,013	17,229
Copper (metal content)	403	323
Lead (metal content)	507	411
Zinc	837	849
	\$m	\$m
<b>Value of mineral commodities produced</b>	<b>23,788</b>	<b>26,439</b>

## MANUFACTURING(a)

	Employment(b) no.	Sales & service income(c) \$m	2006–07
Food product mfg	46,970	13,942	
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3,420	2,267	
Textile, leather, clothing and footwear mfg	*6,100	^994	
Wood product mfg	^13,909	^2,501	
Pulp, paper and converted paper product mfg	2,586	986	
Printing (including reproduction of recorded media)	^7,083	^1,177	
Petroleum and coal product mfg	1,584	np	
Basic chemical and chemical product mfg	5,747	3,030	
Polymer product and rubber product mfg	^9,230	3,099	
Non-metalic mineral product mfg	9,860	3,943	
Primary metal and metal product mfg	^17,273	13,501	
Fabricated metal product mfg	25,725	6,148	
Transport equipment mfg	22,035	4,923	
Machinery and equipment mfg	^21,687	5,855	
Furniture and other mfg	6,368	np	
<b>Total manufacturing</b>	<b>199,577</b>	<b>70,257</b>	

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(a) New ANZSIC Subdivision codes introduced for 2006–07.

(b) At 30 June 2007. Including working proprietors.

(c) Including rent, leasing and hiring income.

## BUILDING

	2006–07	2007–08
Number of dwelling unit completions	no.	no.
New houses	25,657	27,186
New other residential building	12,953	12,335
Conversions, etc.	93	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,703</b>	<b>39,641</b>
Value of building work completed	\$m	\$m
New houses	5,787	6,532
New other residential building	3,440	3,093
Alterations and additions	1,211	1,267
Non-residential building	6,140	6,244
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,579</b>	<b>17,136</b>

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

	2006–07	2007–08
Number of establishments(b)	no.	1,093
Number of rooms(b)	no.	58,666
Room occupancy rate	%	67.7
Guest nights occupied	'000	27,726.9
Takings from accommodation	\$m	1,925
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,725.6</b>

(a) Hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms.

(b) At 30 June.

## REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES(a)

	2006	2007
	'000	'000
Passenger vehicles	2,138.4	2,220.6
Light commercial vehicles	520.1	550.5
Trucks (including non-freight carrying trucks)	104.0	110.3
Motor cycles	110.5	125.6
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>2,897.9</b>	<b>3,033.4</b>

(a) At 31 March. (b) Including campervans and buses.

## RETAIL TURNOVER

	2006–07	2007–08
	\$m	\$m
Food retailing	18,029	20,221
Department stores	3,277	3,540
Clothing and soft goods retailing	2,953	2,661
Household goods retailing	7,297	7,866
Recreational goods retailing	1,619	1,965
Other retailing	4,159	4,633
Hospitality and service industries	8,459	9,011
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,793</b>	<b>49,897</b>

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### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE(a)

	2006–07	2007–08
Food	174.4	179.3
Alcohol and tobacco	235.3	243.6
Clothing and footwear	103.1	106.5
Housing	146.4	157.7
Household contents and services	128.0	127.1
Health	227.5	237.9
Transportation	157.0	164.8
Communication	114.4	114.9
Recreation	129.3	131.2
Education	279.9	295.0
Financial and insurance services(b)	102.1	108.8
<b>All groups</b>	<b>158.3</b>	<b>164.8</b>

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index is 1989–90 = 100.

(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.

### EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

	2006–07	2007–08
	\$m	\$m
Exports		
Foreign	35,440	35,320
Interstate	9,770	10,240
Imports		
Foreign	27,201	32,357
Interstate	23,314	27,479

### STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2005–06	2006–07
	\$m	\$m
Total GFS revenue	38,328	43,171
Total GFS expenses	34,191	40,386

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## CLIMATIC DATA, BRISBANE

Month	Unit	Dec	2007		2008	
			Mar	Jun	Sep	
Mean daily maximum	°C	28.5	27.3	22.9	24.5	
Mean daily minimum	°C	20.5	18.1	12.4	14.5	
Rainfall, total	mm	79.2	41.8	121.8	55.6	
Rain days	no.	19	13	10	10	
Mean daily sunshine	hours	6.1	7.6	7.0	8.4	
Strong Wind days, over 50 km/h	no.	3	0	0	1	

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

Data in this publication are subject to revision.

### SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degrees Celsius
\$	dollars
GFS	government finance statistics
ha	hectare
mm	millimetres
\$m	million dollars
no.	number
np	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated.
%	per cent
\$'000	thousand dollars
'000	thousand
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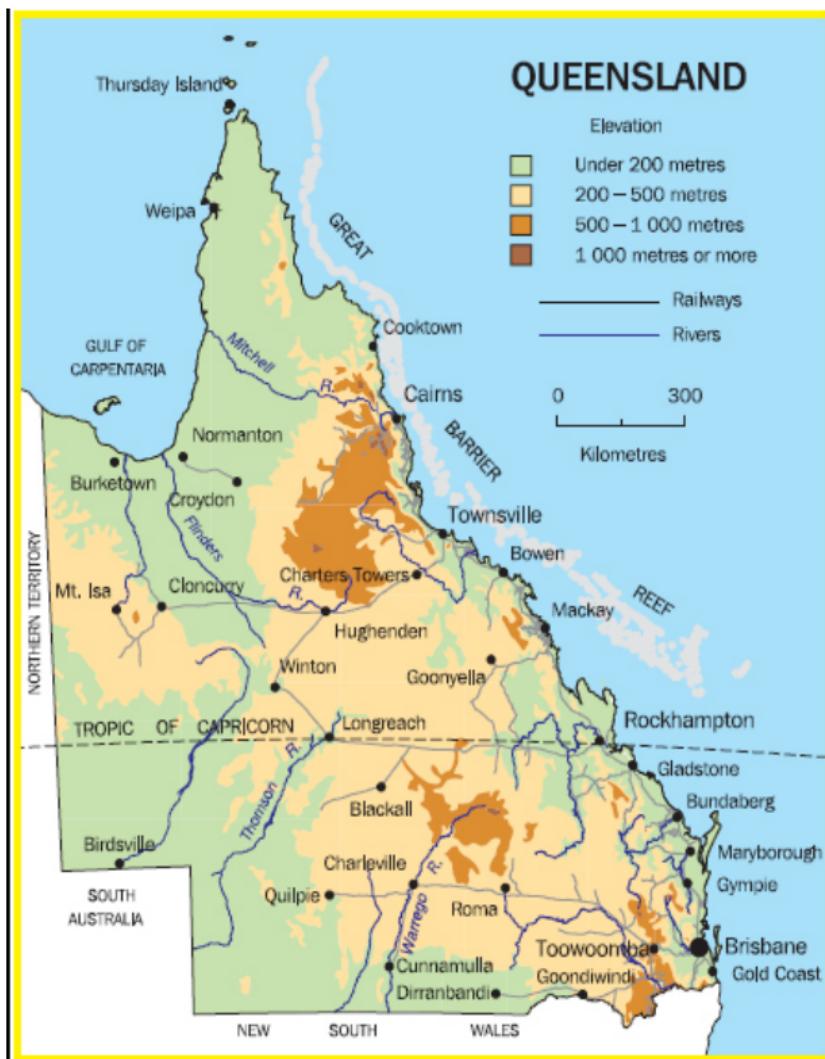
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Situated generally between 10° and 29° south latitude and between 138° and 154° east longitude, Queensland occupies the north-eastern portion of the Australian continent. Of the total area of approximately 1.73 million square kilometres, just over half is north of the Tropic of Capricorn. Of the six states of Australia, Queensland ranks second in area and third in population.

## GOVERNMENT

Queensland is a constituent state of the Commonwealth of Australia, and observes the Australian Constitution. While returning elected members to both upper and lower houses of the Federal Parliament, Queensland is unique in that its own State Parliament has only one house — the Legislative Assembly. Local government derives its powers from Acts passed by the State Parliament. The capital city is Brisbane.



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